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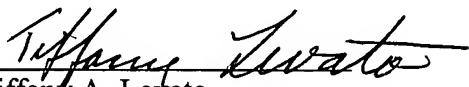
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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initial	Document Number	Date	Name	Class	Sub Class	Translation
	5,143,999	09/01/92	F. Setiabudi et al.			
	5,086,091	02/04/92	M. Geist et al.			
	3,919,277	11/11/75	R. Luhowy et al.			
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FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

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	EP 0449776 A2	10/02/91	EPO			
	English Abstract of EP 0449776 A2	10/02/91	EPO			
	EP 0273170 B1	07/06/88	EPO (Corresponds to U.S. 5,086,091)			
	DE 1595395	04/23/70	Germany (Corresponds to U.S. 3,394,098)			
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